



Community Church Sheppey

Statement of Faith

**We believe in One God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
The Bible is God's Word, wholly inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

This is the summary of the Biblical truths that are foundational beliefs of our church

- The Creation: God created the Universe and made humankind in His own image
- The Fall: Adam and Eve disobeyed God, as a result of which, sin sickness and death entered the world. People became separated from God.
- Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour of the world: God sent His Son, born of a virgin. Jesus died upon the cross, taking upon Himself the condemnation we deserve for our sin, in order to restore our relationship with God. Jesus was raised from the dead and is now exalted to God's right hand.
- The Holy Spirit: He was active in creation and empowered various believers throughout Old Testament times. Since the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon believers and He empowers the Church with special gifts and ministries.
- Salvation and Baptism of the Holy Spirit: Anyone repenting of their sin and placing their faith in Jesus Christ, as their Saviour and Lord becomes a new person. They are born again by the Holy Spirit indwelling them. Believers Baptism is a declaration and symbolic act of this. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit enables believers to receive spiritual gifts. Through these gifts believers are edified, encourage one another and are equipped to witness for Christ in the world.
- The Church: Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, which is made up of everyone who has been born again. Jesus has commissioned His Church to preach the Gospel, heal the sick and minister a message of deliverance. Christians are called together in local churches under the authority of pastoral leadership. God's people are taught in Scripture to give financially to the work of the Gospel.
- Christ the Coming King: Jesus will return in triumph for His Church. Christ will destroy His enemies and place all things under God's authority.